

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-81 are pending in the application. Claims 1-81 have been rejected.

No claims have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-81 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by the paper entitled "Cisco Publication: Frame Relay ELMi Address Registration" by Cisco, posted on December 6, 2000 (hereinafter "Cisco document"). The Cisco document qualifies as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) because the alleged effective date of December 06, 2000 of the Cisco document is earlier than the applicant's filing date of August 02, 2001. Applicants are submitting herewith a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 of the inventor Madhu Rao to establish prior invention of the claimed subject matter of the present application prior to December 06, 2000. The Declaration sets forth facts sufficient to show reduction to practice of the invention prior to the Cisco document's alleged effective date of December 06, 2000. In particular, Exhibit 1, to the Declaration of inventor Madhu Rao, is a copy of screen images from debug sessions that capture the ELMi-AR protocol. As evidenced by the screen images, the Cisco router product supporting the ELMi-AR protocol was completed and operational prior to December 06, 2000. The dates in Exhibit 1 have been redacted as permitted by MPEP 715.07.II.

Therefore, Cisco Document is not available as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(a). Accordingly, it is requested that the rejection of claims 1-81 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by the Cisco Document be withdrawn.

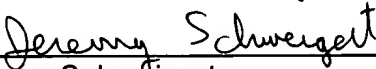
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the rejections and objections have been overcome. If there are any additional charges, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Applicants respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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